



The Old Geelong Collegians' Association

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Des's Decade Honoured

The gentleman known to thousands of Geelong Collegians as "Des" retires this month from his position as principal of Eltham College after ten years of characteristically active service there.

Desmond Drewitt Davey was deputy principal at Geelong when he resigned to become founding principal at Eltham, which opened in 1974 with 135 students. Ten years and several million dollars later, Eltham has 1050 students spread through all levels from kindergarten to higher school certificate, and has acquired a considerable reputation as a fine independent school, a natural result of having such a vigorous principal backed by a keen and imaginative council.

On November 26 Eltham College tendered Des and his wife, Audrey, a retirement dinner at which the Geelong College and the Old Geelong Collegians' Association were strongly represented. Among the speakers who each briefly

presented some facet of Des's career and personality were Stephen Davey, Fred Elliott, Bert Keith, Paul Sheahan and John Urbahns.

Des first joined the Geelong College teaching staff in 1943. From 1949 to 1955 he was principal of Scots College, Warwick, Q., then returned to Geelong, where he was appointed vice-principal in 1956. In this position he had an important influence on the internal working of the College as well as the activities of the O.G.C.A., which acknowledged his contribution by granting him the rank of Fellow.

It is difficult to believe that Des will now be content to "grow old disgracefully"; we can be sure that his wide educational experience and his apparently undiminished energy will be put to good use before very long.

Mr and Mrs Davey have not been lost to Geelong. They are returning almost immediately to live in Newtown and will doubtless be seen frequently about their old haunts.

Everyone connected with the Geelong College will wish them well in this new phase of their career.

Meeting a challenge

EDITORIAL

Cuts in government funding threaten to undermine the independent schools system.

To retain independence schools will either have to continually increase fees, or look hard at other sources of funding.

If schools desire to continue to receive a high level of government support, then they could face restrictions which cut across their very reasons for existence.

And that is a school which is free to plan its own destiny in a way which properly meets the challenges posed by our future society.

The role played by independent schools is significant, particularly in the higher job classifications.

On average, independent schools educate about 24 per cent of Australian children, rising to 37 per cent at Year 12.

There are probably three ways in which independent schools can cover the loss of income from per capita grants from the State and Commonwealth governments.

One is through the creation of an income producing endowment fund.

This step was taken with foresight some years ago by the College and is playing an important role.

But there are ways of expanding this fund through bequests, and possibly by calling upon part of a term's fees for the following year for short term investment.

The building fund could legitimately be used for capital expenditure and maintenance, but ways would have to be found to maintain and build the income in the fund.

A less palatable method is corporate sponsorship, although it is already well exploited by sporting bodies.

Despite the per capita cuts, enrolments at the College in 1984 remain strong, and it is expected that the overall enrolment will be up slightly on 1983.

Grey power appointment

The ability of Sir Macfarlane Burnet ('12), not only as a medical biologist but as an observer of human needs and desires, is recognised with his appointment as one of three patrons to the Australian Advisory Council of Elders.

The others are industrialist Sir Barton Pope, and physicist Sir Mark Oliphant.

The AACE has been created following widespread response to the writings of the three in their second "Challenge to Australia".

It is a group of 70 Australians aged 70 and over who will make their combined knowledge and experience, covering 5,000 years, available to the community if required.

Recognition of the abilities of elderly Australians is a welcome change from the belief that they have nothing to offer past retirement.

AT THE COLLEGE

Alliance Francaise competition - First prizes won by Simon Chalmers (Year 10 poetry recitation) and Phillipa Hale (first in the three sections). The whole of the HSC class with one exception (unavoidable absence) received a special mention in the poetry, reading and conversation section.

1983 Geelong Eisteddfod Music Festival - Over 130 students from the senior and preparatory schools participated, in the individual section, Fiona McKenzie were first in the Open Flute with 97 out of 100. Other firsts were: Wind Ensemble (years 10, 11, 12); Brass Quartet (open); College Jazz Band; College Concert Band; Senior School String Ensemble (Open); Austin Gray String Ensemble; Aphrasia Players (Strings); Open Choir.

Success in the 1983 Geelong Inter-School Chess League. Under captain Stewart Ryan the College team won three and drew one. Andrew Peel, in his first year at Number One was undefeated, and Andrew Rutherford was undefeated at Number Two. Other team members were Bruce Steel and Mark Fothergill. Last year the College team lost all but one match.

The 1983 Geelong student media festival Sprockets and Flares resulted in two prizes for Year 3 children at Campbell House. In the photo-experience book section, the entry How the Seasons Came About was awarded the most outstanding primary program exhibited at the festival, and won the gold award. It was presented by Shem Fitzgerald, Paul Hsieh, Crystal Markley, Lizzie Haines, Melinda Addison, Tamara Robb and Florian Bourke. Another entry in the same section received a silver award.

Gideon Haigh took third prize in the national Rostrum Voice of Youth speaking competition held in Adelaide.

A debate between the College and Geelong Grammar School saw a win to College. College took the affirmative in the topic "That Groucho is better than Karl". Team members were Ross Hindson, Ursula Read and Gideon Haigh.

William Dickinson wrote an original computer program for the Australian newspaper, won a special \$100 prize, and got the judges' description as the "game that sets everyone laughing". Titled "Acne Attack", it simulated an attack on pimples instead of space invaders.

William also won two of the major bursaries in the open section of the 1983 Science Talent-Search run by the Science Teachers Association of Victoria.

Paul Norbury continues to perform well in the field of mathematics. He received a certificate of merit in the senior division of the Melbourne University Competition, won a prize in the national Westpac competition, and was selected in the inter-state finals of the Australian Mathematical Olympiad. He has also gained a place in the National Mathematics Camp in Canberra.

Dux of College 1983 - Louise Radcliffe-Smith, Ursula Read, Peter Wolf.

Endowment Fund

This year awards and grants totalling \$25,885 were made from the College endowment fund, and a further \$21,830 from other endowed funds.

The initial contribution to the Fund was a bequest of \$10,000 from the late Alan Tait, an Old Collegian, member of staff and Vice-Principal during the period 1939 to 1957. Subsequent contributions have lifted the capital amount to \$300,000.

Contributions during this year have included \$500 from the Preparatory School staff out of monies which accumulate as a result of teaching practice supervision, \$500 from the Senior School Parents' and Friends' Association, various amounts from individual members of staff and a surplus of \$160 from the Year 9/10 social. Concerts by the Geelong Regional Youth Concert Band and the Geelong Youth Orchestra provided \$234 and the College Concert Band gave their Warmambool Eisteddfod prize of \$300.

The Annual Geelong College Endowment Fund Concert was held on October 30th.

The Robert Ingpen lithograph of the College is selling fast and is expected to make approximately \$40,000 for the fund.

The endowment committee aims to increase the capital value of the fund to \$500,000 by the end of 1985. Contributions can be made as cash, legacies, life assurance policies, shares, property, or testamentary trusts.

Further information is available from the College bursar.



Stuart Rankin's long service to the College environment has been recognized by Council, OGCA, services staff and the present school. He is shown receiving a symbolic mower from Captain Ursula Read.

Weddings

Roger Douglas to Robin Burns, Latrobe University, February 19.
Campbell Nelson to Cathy Balderstone, Mortlake, April 12.
Peter Lindeman to Carole Read, Geelong, May.
Peter Rau to Tracey Stokes, Geelong, May 28.
Colin Harwood to Linda Boyd, Geelong, June.

Sally Carruthers to Wayne Hawkins, Queenscliff, August 12.
Michael Menzies to Christine Marshall, Shefford, August 20.
Jim Collins to Bronwyn McKew, Ballarat, August 20.
Stephen Robb to Penny Reeves, Bendigo, October 29.
David Peardon to Susan Baulch, Geelong, November 3.

Bruce Sloane to Jean Holah, Burwood, August 5.
Hugh Champness to Claire Darby, Geelong, November 12.
John Clarke to Jennifer Pockock, Collo, November 18.
David Mallett to Linda Farze, Shepparton, November 19.
Andrew Wood to Linda Grounds, Ormond College, November 26.

Additions to Archives

Recent gifts to the Archives have included a pen and ink sketch by Ewatt of Dr George Morrison, entitled "Dear Old Mov".

It was owned by W.H. Dutton (1873) and was sent by his daughter.



Another valued acquisition was a diary which had belonged to Rev. F.W. Rolland, in which he had written down the prayers which he used at morning assembly during the war years.

Brief but profound they were couched in language notable for its simplicity and appropriateness.

For most who were in the Morrison Hall on those occasions they will vividly recall the tall, dignified figure standing at the lectern leading us in prayer with his distinctive, cultured voice after the reading of the Bible passage by the prefect on duty and the hearty singing of the hymn by the school.

The diary was sent to us from England by Mrs Varrill who had received it from her mother, a distant relative of Mr Rolland, who lived in Toronto, Canada.

We are grateful to Geelong Grammar School who directed it to us after it had been mistakenly sent there.

Association notes

SYDNEY

A barbecue will be held on Saturday, March 3, 1984, at the home of Tony Whiteside.

For details contact J.T. Cameron, (02) 4273469 (business), (02) 2320366 (home).

ACT

Office bearers for 1984 are unchanged - David Berryman (president), Andrew Walls (vice-president), Rob Nash (secretary).

A barbecue is planned for March next year, probably at Graham Stephinson's property near Captain's Flat, with an annual dinner in mid-October, probably at the president's home in Weetangera.

The dinner this year was at the home of the president, with Ron Carstairs (29) the oldest and Doug Abrecht (68) the youngest of those present.

OGCA Office Bearers

President, Syd Weddell; immediate past-president Brian Thom; vice-presidents Stuart Anderson (senior), Sam Coulson (junior); honorary secretary Sam Coulson; Honorary treasurer Richard Carr.

Committee: 1984 retirement - Graham Wallace-Smith, David Whitcroft, Debra Trembath, Ross Hepburn, Robert Chisholm, Robyn Humphreys; 1985 retirement - Scott Chirside, Ian Forsyth, Alex Gray, David Jarman, Ian McIlwain, Bill Phillips; 1986 retirement - Stephen Anderson, Michael Betts, Michael Gretton-Watson, Graham Hallebone, Bob Leggatt, Alistair McIlwain; co-opted members - Tom Mullins, Alistair Urquhart; executive officer - Tim Hill.

Sports

FOOTBALL

The 1983 premiership football side challenged the 1983 College firsts on August 5.

Only four points down at half-time they lost by 26 points, a creditable performance.

The Old Geelong Football Club finished the season in second place but failed in the second semi-final and the preliminary.

On a bright note, Dougal Morrison (74) won the best and fairest for the season.

Senior coach for the season was Rob Vickers-Willis (74), and president Graeme Dickson (67).

Faces at the past player's day included: Phil Marendaz (64), 66 games from 1969-73; Stephen Anderson (67) 101 games, 1972-81, Graeme Dickson 107 games, 1972-82; Michael Gretton-Watson (58) 144 games, 1963-76.

It is the Year of the College at the Old Geelong Football Club.

We previously mentioned that Graeme Dickson '67 was elected President, Rob Vickers-Willis '74 was Coach, now Dougal Morrison '74 won the award for Firsts Best and Fairest by a massive margin from Russell Simpson '79 who just edged out Chris Pearson '76 by one vote.

Peter Winter '68 has been awarded a Life Membership for services rendered over a number of years.

GOLF

College master Robert McClaren, 27, and his father Neil, 61, won the annual fathers and sons' day at Commonwealth.

Neil, who plays from a handicap of 26, lost his left arm with the 2nd AIF in Borneo.

He plays forehand golf with his right arm and on the day won six holes and was four up by himself after nine holes.

CRICKET

Traditional O.G.C. V College XI will be played on Tuesday 7 February, 1984. Interested players contact Executive Officer.

Tentative arrangements have been made for at least two games in February and March.

Melbourne based players interested in a regular game should contact Graeme Dickson, South Yarra, CC, Ph AH, 03/204906.

Obituary

Sir James B. Tait	(10)
F.H. Moreton	(15)
C.D. Campbell	(18)
A.J. McAdam	(28)
A.G. Baird	(20)
F.W.H. Enscoe	(29)
J.S. Gilmore	(37)
W.B. Dunn	(37)
N.R. Buhol	(75)
Miss N. Grenfell	Matron, Rolland House (1943-71)
Rev. A.D. Hallam	Minister, St. George's Church.

Extract from The Age CHARACTER GONE

Earlier this year the legal profession lost one of its best known and most colorful characters. Sir James Tait. He died at 92, the oldest practising barrister in Victoria.

Until shortly before his death Sir James could be seen driving his Triumph car at truly amazing speeds to his work at Owen Dixon Chambers in William Street. This daredevil spirit, characteristic of his driving, goes back a long way according to Sir Murray McInerney, a retired Supreme Court judge.

Sir Murray's obituary to Sir James in the spring edition of the Victorian Bar News says that Sir James saw active service over the battlefields of France and celebrated Armistice day by flying low, and upside down, over German and Allied trenches.

"That night he and his fellow officers entertained the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII) in their mess - to such good effect that very few of them, probably including His Royal Highness, would have a very clear memory of the events of the latter part of the evening," Sir Murray said.

Life Members

Anderson, S.M.	(63)
Pugh, C.R.	(74)
Anderson, J.R.	(60)

Graduations

We have been notified of the following graduations.

B.A. - Stuart S. Monotti, A.H. Lyall
B.Sc. - D.T. Bath
Nursing Sister - Sally Wood
B.A. - Penelope Dadds (Library)
R.J.D. Atkinson (Phys.Ed), Tracy Wellam (Teaching)
Dip.Pod - Janice Nelson (Lincoln)
Nursing Sister - Dianne George

Join the rowers

Don't think that because you did not pull an oar at school you can't participate in activities of the Albert Bell Club.

The annual dinner on boat race even is a great opportunity to renew school acquaintances, with 145 attending this year.

The 1984 dinner is at Kirrewur Court on Friday, April 6. By paying an annual subscription of \$6 you will receive the newsletters and notice of dinner. Write to the Secretary, Albert Bell Club, PO Box 5, Geelong 3220.

Not only does membership provide newsletters, but supports the College boat club with the purchase of sundry equipment.

HERE & THERE

Phillip Marshall ('60) has clocked up his 200th game with Geelong in sub-district cricket.

Tim Bracher ('73) has left the Geelong-Otway Regional Tourist Authority to be publicity and promotions officer with the Melbourne Tourist Authority.

Hugh Champness ('69), a Flight Lieutenant in the RAAF, after a year in the Roulettes Aerobatic Team, is on two years exchange with the RAF.

John M.I. McDonald ('66) has been appointed assistant Principal of the Forestry Commission School of Forestry at Creswick.

Hugh Kininmonth ('70) is Manager Dalgety New Zealand Loan, Camperdown.

Andrew J. Egan ('74) after graduating from Monash University B.Ec. LL.B. has now completed his articles with Males & Bell under the watchful eye of his uncle Randall J. Bell ('57).

David J. Allitt ('72) is now engaged in a thriving Deep Sea Fishing business based at Lakes Entrance.

R. Graham Mockridge ('41) as well as Suzanne ('74) and Nicole ('77) have now moved to Surfers Paradise.

Sally Manning ('75) is teaching at Rollins Primary School in Geelong.

James Chung ('69) has permanently joined the family's ocean engineering and marine construction business in Brunel, after studying Industrial Design (Transportation) in the UK.

Peter Forsyth ('61) is growing apples and pears in the premier Batoow district of NSW, and is taking an active part in the industry at delegate level.

Stephen Young ('71) comments that his contemporaries will find difficulty in believing he has an engineering degree, after being strictly a humanities student. He battled with maths, physics and chemistry in his mid-twenties and is now chief engineer at Angove's Wines Pty Ltd in Denmark.

Well respected newspaper journalist Douglas Aiton ('56) now has his own weekday radio program "Newsmaker Final Extra" on Melbourne station 3DB. He has seen service with the Melbourne dailies, Bulletin, National Times and London Times.

Ian A Lewis ('52) has moved from Maroocha and is with National Mutual in Ballarat.

David Jackson ('73) is with ICI's rural division as territory manager in the Dubbo region.

Throwing his hat into the political arena is Clive Pugh ('74) who is endorsed Liberal candidate for the Legislative Assembly seat of Geelong West, now held by Labor after the retirement of Hayden Birrell ('34).

Composer, conductor and pianist Dr Graham Hair ('55) continues to receive acclaim both in Australia and the United States. He has been visiting professor to IMT in Boston, on a commission to write new works.

Alastair Lyell ('77) named out standing Australian Army recruit at Kapooka, won two shields in the infantry course at Singleton, and in July commenced officer cadet training at Portsea.

David B Anderson ('66), technical manager (reinforced concrete) USL.

Barton Stott ('49) is the latest of our members to be elevated to the rank of Queen's Counsel.

Paul Sheehan ('59) moves from G.G.S. to St. Peter's, Adelaide.

Ken Nail ('37), now close to retirement, has been appointed Manager-Human Resources for Myer's Melbourne region.

Ian Keith ('63) has become town clerk of the city of Ararat after several years as deputy secretary of Barrabool Shire.

Donald Gibb ('50) is senior lecturer in history at Victoria College, Rusden Campus. His study of Australia's "National Identity and Consciousness" is now in use by H.S.C. students.

Dr Ian Torode ('63), now paediatric orthopaedic surgeon at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne after experience in London, Edinburgh, Connecticut and Toronto.

Ross Day ('59), is still with Amax Australia, based in Perth, and covering much of Australia on work-related travel.

Andrew Corr ('56) has joined the executive of the Australian Lawn Tennis Umpires' Association.

FOR SALE

One share in the Pegasus Alpine Club, \$7,500.
Contact Roger Nation, 052-482398 (business);
052-435849 (home).

Senator Button makes a point

Senator John Button ('46) had a specific message in his address to the OGCA annual dinner in Geelong.

There is a need to change the Australian way of life if the nation is to play a role in the world of the future.

His address was also laced with humour, and he recalled with pleasure many of his school experiences.

Senator Button did touch on one matter of importance to the OGCA.

He told how on leaving College he lost interest in it, preferring to look ahead.

After a few years, however, he found that he recalled his school days with pleasure (like many others).

In an equally humorous vote of thanks, Neil Everist made it clear that the activities of the cox of a crew need not necessarily be confined to the cramped seat of a racing eight, and in Senator Button's case, definitely not.

(Senator Button coxed the College VIII in 1950.)

Late, but not forgotten

The work of Kenneth Gordon McIntyre ('22) in researching exploits of early Portuguese explorers around the Australian continent has been officially recognised.

He has been made a Commander of the Order of Prince Henry of Portugal for his services to Portugal.

The honour was conferred by Portugal's Ambassador to Australia at a ceremony in Canberra in October 1981.

Present was his nephew, Professor Ian Scott ('53) of Birmingham.

EDUCATION OFF LINE

Is the education system on the right track?

Geelong architect Graeme Williams ('50) says no.

In a business profile published in the Geelong Advertiser he comments that the system puts too much stress on ideals rather than practicalities.

Additional to his architectural business, he has interests in property development and building.

For those who follow VFL club Geelong, he was committeeman for nine years and a VFL director.

And for tennis supporters, he is a director of the Davis Cup Tennis Foundation, a body dedicated to the promotion of junior Australian tennis players.

Rolland Centre Expansion

Building work on Stage Two of the Rolland Centre is progressing well and should be ready for the start of the 1984 academic year.

Although nothing has yet been finalised, it is hoped that the new structure will be officially opened some time during Term One 1984.

The new building is to be a multi-purpose stadium, of full basketball size, and catering for a number of sports including netball, volleyball and badminton.

Two squash courts will be a great asset and will be available for use by Old Collegians after school hours upon payment of a Squash Club membership fee. Further details will be announced shortly.

Stage One of the centre, opened in 1970, was designed to cater for a boys' school. Since the College went co-ed., the weight-training room, three change-rooms, locker-room, tuck-shop and administration area have often been over-taxed and at times proved to be quite inadequate. Certainly the girls have not been well catered for at all.

Upon completion of Stage Two, the girls will receive a much better deal as girls' change-rooms have been built in the area previously occupied by the locker-room; they will have full use of the main stadium, and also the upstairs general purpose area will be ideal for aerobics and jazz ballet.

National spotlight

Tim Hinchliffe ('59) found himself in the national media spotlight earlier this year following the Lindy Chamberlain murder trial.

As a Northern Territory magistrate he was required to process a bail application after she was granted an appeal by the Federal Court.

In an interview published in the Geelong News he declined to comment further on grounds of sub judice, but spoke of his work as a magistrate, particularly in relation to aboriginal communities.

He said petrol sniffing had become a significant problem in one area to the degree that growth was stunted, and 18 year-olds looked like 12 year-olds.

They came before the court because sniffing created hunger which led to stealing food.

Action by tribal elders in adding chemical to the petrol to make sniffers sick has almost eliminated the practice.

Pegasus pullover

The OGCA committee have approved a dark blue pullover and shirt with the Pegasus embroidered on the left side.

Enclosed in this issue is a brochure from the manufacturer showing examples of the products.

Purchases can be made direct through Clubknit on the order form, or for Geelong residents through the OGCA office.

Members should note that pullover sizes lean to the small size.